



**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2006**

**Members Present:** Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Michelle DiMiscio, Jenna Henderson, Larry Hill, Tim King, Mary Alice Knotts

**Members Absent:** Dan Foley (excused), Narayan Gangadhar (excused), Patrick Godfrey (excused), Roger Goodman (excused), Yasmin Smith (excused)

**Guests Present:** Neil Broudy, Suzanne Wietting (Fairfax Hospital); Ardi Bury, Robert Calahan (RCKC); Mervyn Chambers (THS); Paula Fisher (ADHL); Ramona Graham (CHS); Anita Hidalgo, Greg Garcia (WAPIFASA); David Jefferson (DASA); Ella McHenry (VCCC); Mariah O. Mitchell (Board applicant);

**Staff Present:** Mike Elsner, Rhoda Naguit, Amnon Shoenfeld, Jim Vollendroff

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Board Chair Linda Brown convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 12:03 p.m. The meeting was held at Safeco Jackson Street Center, Multi-Purpose Room, located at 306 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Seattle.

**I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Chair Linda Brown welcomed everyone present and asked that they introduce themselves.

After the introduction, Linda announced a change in the agenda. David Jefferson's presentation on Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Coordination Grant will be added, and Jim's report will be moved up to allow him to attend another meeting commitment.

**II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2006 Board meeting was tabled until the May meeting to allow Linda Brown and Anita Hidalgo of WAPIFASA to make the amendments requested by Ms. Hidalgo on Item VII Old Business, B. WAPIFASA.

**III. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS/CONCERNS**

None at this time.

#### IV. PRESENTATION - Mental Health Funding

Amnon Shoenfeld gave a brief overview of mental health funding. Regional Support Networks receive a combination of Medicaid and state-only funds, with Medicaid funds being by far the largest funding source. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$80 million to replace Medicaid funds that were lost due to a new rule interpretation by the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Mental Health Division did not distribute these funds using the formula outlined in the legislative budget, with the result that over \$6 million in state-only funds that had been allocated to King County were given to smaller, rural RSNs. Rather than using data from the actuarial study conducted last year that identified RSN specific Medicaid rates for the allocation decisions, the state decided to distribute funds using an average rate across the state. King County lost \$13 million as a result of this decision.

To avert a projected deficit of approximately \$9 million in 2006, DCHS/MHCADSD leadership worked closely with the State Mental Health Division and with legislators to address the need for more mental health funding. Mental health advocacy groups and agency providers also contacted their legislators to re-enforce the message.

These efforts were largely successful. King County was projecting a \$6 million non-Medicaid deficit. However, the final 2006 supplemental budget adopted by the legislature provided King County \$5.9 million toward the projected deficit. On the Medicaid side, King County will receive a 3.5% rate increase, which amounts to approximately \$2.7 million. With these adjustments King County will be able to restore non-Medicaid services, and make small increases in the number of non-Medicaid individuals who can be served.

In the past, RSNs that exceeded their bed allocation use at Western State Hospital were penalized by the State by paying liquidated damages. Pierce County sued the State over this practice and won. In response to the Pierce County action, in this session the Legislature passed a measure that will refund King County approximately \$2.5 million of the liquidated damages the County paid over the last several years. The legislature also recognized the need to increase the available beds at Western State Hospital and approved funding for more beds. The Legislature also committed to fund in the future Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) models to reduce the state hospital census.

Amnon thanked those involved in making this legislative session so successful. Representative Eileen Cody was particularly helpful in the final allocation of increased mental health funding for King County this session. Amnon said that our goal for next year is to educate legislators on how mental health funding works and why King County deserves more funding.

The Division has formed an internal workgroup to develop a plan for what services would be provided for what costs and with what expected outcomes should the County implement a 1/10th of 1% sales tax. The legislation allowing the tax requires that the revenue be used for mental health and chemical dependency services and drug and mental health courts. The target population will be non-Medicaid youth and adults with an emphasis on diverting people from the criminal justice system and providing supported housing.

## **V. GRANT PRESENTATION**

David Jefferson discussed the Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Coordination Grant, a three-year grant awarded to DASA by CSAT. The grant, budgeted at \$400,000 a year, is designed to map the existing adolescent treatment system; conduct a needs assessment; develop a statewide strategic plan for an infrastructure that will foster cross system planning. Other goals of the Grant project are to create training resources that will strengthen and sustain the CD providers; and to develop, promote and coordinate family recovery support organizations.

David encouraged the providers to visit/access the grant's website, which was put up for DASA by the 24-Hour Helpline. The website address is <http://theteenline.org/csatsite/index.html>

The grant website contains information about the process of grant implementation including the various committees, meeting minutes, resources and many other important features. The website supports transparency of the grant project. Providers were strongly encouraged to be active in this project for the strategic plan will be an important influence in the ongoing development of adolescent treatment services.

## **VI. DASA UPDATE**

Harvey Funai gave an update on DASA Staff. Doug Allen remains the acting DASA Director. The position is now open for recruitment. John Taylor has been appointed permanently as Office of Program Services Chief.

Kudos to DASA Region 4 staff composed of Harvey Funai (the Administrator), Bob Leonard, Shelli Young, Sabrina de la Fuente, Melinda Trujillo, and Michelle Goshom, for receiving DASA's Top Group Award this year.

Treatment Expansion is getting the needed public exposure through bus ads.

Asian Counseling and Referral Services will contract with DASA to provide TANF services.

Harvey also thanked Rose Soo Hoo for taking the leadership in holding monthly meetings with ADATSA providers/CSOs and building relationship with them as part of the transition process with the closing of King County Assessment Center.

“Shout It Out Loud” Conference will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Shoreline Conference Center. To date, 180 people have signed up for the conference. A maximum 250 will be accommodated in this conference.

## **VII. A/D COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Assessment Center Transitioning Process**

The transition process for ADATSA services in King County from a centralized version to a decentralized service delivery model has been successful in spite of the challenge of transitioning 400 clients. Rose Soo Hoo held several meetings with CSOs during this transition period. Rose and her assistant have moved to downtown offices at the Exchange Building, 5<sup>th</sup> floor.

Residential referral remains an area with some transition problems. Rose Soo Hoo will meet with residential providers to address the issues.

Rose met with the ITS/Sobering Involuntary Commitment staff yesterday. The ITS staff was moved from the King County Assessment Center to the Sobering Service Center.

### **B. Grant Update**

Assertive Youth and Family Grant was submitted to CSAT last week. The Peer-to-Peer Grant will be submitted this week. Seattle Counseling Services and Recovery Café partnered with the Division on this grant.

### **C. JMATE Conference**

Jim Vollendroff together with Winnie Ng made a presentation at the recently concluded JMATE Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Their workshop was well attended; with standing room only. This year three providers were a part of the presentation and were well received.

### **D. RFP**

The Division will release an RFP for CD service programs this year. There will be a separate RFP for youth and adult services. More details on the process at the next CD Providers Meeting.

**E. DASA Legislative Proposal**

This will be emailed to the providers.

**F. Outpatient Rate Study Meeting**

Jim encouraged CD providers to attend the Outpatient Rate Study Meeting on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm to 5:00pm at Comprehensive Health and Evaluation Foundation in Burien. Jim is participating at the Outpatient Rate Study Advisory Committee, in which he is a member, in the morning of April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**G. Seven Challenges Training**

Out of the 60 slots for the training, 56 is already filled as of today.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Action on Application for Membership**

Michelle DiMiscio made a motion, which was seconded by Joan Clement, to recommend Mariah O. Mitchell for Board membership. Due to lack of quorum for the vote, it was decided to finish the process by email. Absentees will be asked to vote for or against recommending Mariah via email.

**B. Nomination Committee for Board Officers**

Board Chair Linda Brown appointed Joan Clement to chair the Nominations Committee for Board officers for this year. Tim King, Dan Foley, and Mary Alice Knotts volunteered for the committee.

**C. Mental Health Report Card**

The Board is asked to review the format of Mental Health Report Card and see if this is something they want included in the CD Report Card. Linda will forward the website address to board members to enable them to review the document and engage in email conversation.

**D. Spring Planning Retreat**

Rhoda Naguit will survey via email on the availability of Board members for a spring planning retreat in May. Possible agenda items include the involuntary treatment process, and a presentation on the Committee to End Homelessness. Linda will email Board members for input on other topics of interest.

### **E. Joint Boards Meeting**

The joint meeting of our board with the King County Mental Health Advisory Board is normally scheduled for April or May. This year, our board will host the joint meeting.

Board Chair Linda Brown will check with Ron Sterling, MHAB Chair, about his thought or preference on this matter. In view of our planned retreat in May, Linda will propose that we hold the joint meeting in September or October this year and focus on legislative priorities. Joan Clement will attend the MHAB meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> and discuss the proposal with the MH Board.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS/CHAIR'S REPORT**

### **A. Senate Bill 5763 Work Group Update**

The Board sent a letter with position paper on 1/10 of 1% sales tax to Councilmember Larry Phillips, Council Chair, with copies to the rest of the County Council members. To date we have not received any feedback from the Council.

Linda thanked the Sales Tax Workgroup members Dan Foley, Pat Godfrey, and Michelle DiMiscio for the work well done.

### **B. Board Liaison Positions**

Linda asked for volunteers to serve as Board Liaison for Children and Family Commission and Prevention Group Meeting.

Michelle DiMiscio volunteered for the Children and Family Commission.

### **C. Recovery Garden Update**

No update at this time. Residence XII is doing a Recovery Walk in Kirkland in September. A climb of Mt. Rainier in July will be conducted by eight women in recovery.

Joan Clement announced that two bricks/cobblestones will be presented to Patrick Vanzo at the Farewell Party/final CPAC Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> in recognition for his enormous contributions in the chemical dependency field. If any Board members would like to contribute towards the purchase of these cobblestones, please see Joan Clement.

**D. CDP Shortage Report**

A fair amount of work has been put in by the workgroup to address this issue. Several counties have been involved in a series of conference calls to address the issue. Geoff Miller, who spearheaded this effort, will send a summary report on this issue.

**VIII. LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Providers Meeting**

Jenna Henderson who attended the CD Youth Providers Meeting prior to the Board meeting today had left earlier so no report at this time.

**B. Legislative Committee**

Refer to Roger Goodman's email sent to board members. Roger is out of town on business.

**C. Mental Health Board**

The Board did their 1/10 of 1% sales tax letter with position paper and sent it to Councilmember Larry Phillips, County Chair. At the last board meeting, they reviewed legislative and budget issues.

**D. Law, Justice and Human Services Committee**

One of the agenda at the meeting is the oversight of the Sheriff's office.

Before the meeting was adjourned, Dr. Bob Wood introduced himself. He said he came as an observer to find out if this is something he would like to be involved in as a regular board member, if there is no conflict of interest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared by:

Attested by:

Rhoda A. Naguit  
Recording Secretary

Linda Brown  
Board Chair